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Farming cheap back in 1922

Editor's Note: This is the third in a series of articles dealing with agricultural extension work in Appomattox County. November marks the 70th anniversary of extension work here.

By FRANCES H. PAULETTE

In the early 1920's, with the encouragement of the county agent, a few Appomattox County farmers kept complete and accurate records of farm costs, particularly the cost of producing tobacco. Some of these records are on file in the extension agent's office today. One such record is that of the late Guy Smith's farm.

In the year 1922, the Smith farm produced three acres of tobacco and the cost was listed as follows: Man labor, 899 hours with a total cost of $177.80; horse labor, 225.5 hours costing $33.82. Fertilizer cost all of $20.40 for the 1600 pounds used on the crop of tobacco. Manure, 24 loads, estimated cost $36.00.

The total cost for barns and tobacco sticks came to $18.40. Machinery was $9.29 and wood for curing the tobacco, 4 cords cost $4.00. Plant bed materials came to a total of $3.70. Taxes on the tobacco land amounted to $3.75.

There was another item, 'Other Costs' with a total of 44c and overhead was listed as $7.50 total cost.

The total cost for producing three acres of tobacco was $315.10. The total yield for the acreage was 3258 pounds and the cost per pound was 11c.

Kit Carson, an Appomattox County farmer and retired county agent and district agent, remembers winning a prize for sweet clover; he won a trip to Blacksburg.

Carson, who served as county agent in Cumberland County from 1934 until 1940 and in Franklin County from 1940 until '47 in 1947 succeeded H. E. Mitchwain as district agent, remembers as though it were yesterday how hard he worked on that clover.

The New Jersey Zinc Co. of Austinville gave 4-H members lime at no cost if they would grow sweet clover. The freight was even paid. One thing the 4-H'ers had to learn; if sweet clover was cut too short, it would be killed.

Lime, during this particular time in Appomattox, had to be obtained from Spout Spring, Evergreen or Appomattox. It was brought to the areas by train and stored in storage houses built on railroad property in cooperation with the Norfolk and Western Railway.

Cecil Ligon of Pamplin remembers well the beginnings of extension work in Appomattox County. His father, the late T. J. Ligon was active in extension work as well as being a member of the Appomattox County School Board.

Ligon recalls the corn club which was the beginning of 4-H work and at the same time girls were encouraged to join the 'tomato club.'

The corn club stressed the use of good quality seed corn, proper fertilizer and correct cultivation.

"I remember the 'Pig Club' too," said Ligon, "and the contests held for members. We had to keep accurate records of what the pigs ate in addition to records of progress."

It was much later, 1949 in fact, that Ligon received an engraved silver pitcher for excellence in producing corn for the '100 Bushel Corn Club' during a promotion event. The late Edward Harvey of Pamplin was also a winner.

"Diversified farming and the raising of cattle in addition to crops grew from the 'Pig Club'," said Ligon in talking about progress in agriculture in Appomattox County.

Ligon remembers his grandfather growing approximately fifteen acres of tobacco. It wouldn't have been possible without the cooperation of his grandmother. She helped her husband by feeding eleven farm hands (at the table, not sandwiches!) every day in addition to the family.

Ligon's uncle, Leslie N. Ligon, operated one of the first binders in the county. Later on he owned a steam-operated threshing machine. He would go from Farmville to Concord threshing wheat for farmers.

The late Hunter F. Martin of the Evergreen community was active in extension work and his son, Glenn S. Martin Sr. remembers the family chicken business well.

Mr. R. B. Hudgins who was county agent for Appomattox County from 1925 until 1955 was a great help in Martin's 'chicken business'.

"Mr. Hudgins was just as good with chickens and cattle as he was with crops and the soil," said Glenn Martin as he reminisced about the farming operation of his father's farm when he was a young boy.

During the depression years, Martin, like many other farmers, didn't use fertilizer, but Martin was better off than a lot of farmers. He had the chicken manure to use on corn. Glenn remembers his father using this method of fertilization in 1930 and made a good corn crop.

"Chickens," according to Glen Martin, "helped us through the depression years. We sold the eggs on the Curb Market in Lynchburg, we fertilized the corn crop with the manure from the chicken sheds, and sold dressed chickens on the market in Lynchburg. The chickens really brought us through a hard economic time."

Not only did the Martins sell chickens on the Curb Market in Lynchburg, Glenn remembers killing lambs and selling the meat. There was a man who had the job of inspecting the meat. He inspected the liver of whatever meat the seller had to offer and if the liver passed inspection, then the inspector put a stamp of approval on the meat.

"I'll never forget dressing those lambs," said Martin as he remembered helping his father; "those leg-of-lambs were something special".

Next week? More about the progress of extension work in Appomattox, of course!

CECIL LIGON OF PAMPLIN, second from the left, received an engraved silver pitcher for winning first place in the 100 Bushel Corn Club in 1949 or '50. One record indicates 1949 and another 1950. Third from the left is the late Edward Harvey of Pamplin who was the second place winner. On the far right is 4-H Club member, Harold Blanks, winner in the 4-H competition. The identity of the man making the presentations is unknown. (Photo courtesy of Jim Smith, Appomattox County Extension Office.)

Metal ordinance delayed

Action on a proposed ordinance regulating precious-metals merchants in Appomattox was deferred by the County Board of Supervisors following a public hearing at the Supervisors' meeting Friday.

The ordinance, which would require a $1,000 annual license fee for merchants to buy or sell precious metals in Appomattox, will be re-written to exclude local individuals who have been in business in Appomattox County for a specified period of time.

Jim Baxter, who operates a precious-metals exchange business out of his motel on Route 460, said at the public hearing that a $1,000 license fee would make it impossible to operate the precious metals business at a profit.

"I've done just over $1,000 business in the last six weeks," said Baxter. "It would not be feasible for me to continue (in the business) if I had to pay $1,000 yearly for a license."

Board Chairman, Dr. S. R. Lawson, noted that the ordinance is not intended to cause hardships for established merchants. "What we want to do here is exclude the traveling man the fly-by-night operators who are here one day and gone the next."

He added that the ordinance as written may exclude other established merchants, such as local jewelers in Appomattox.

Lawson and Board Members Horace Coleman and Franklin Vaughan agreed following consultation with Commission of Revenue Monte Mays that the ordinance should be re-written to include only "itenerant" precious-metals merchants, those who move from place to place on a frequent basis.

Board members also voted on an insurance plan for county and town volunteer firmen at their meeting Friday.

The plan calls for a workmen's compensation policy which will cover the county's volunteer firemen, as well as the town's. The county will pay 75 percent of the premium cost, and the town will pay the remaining 25 percent. The county will fund 75 percent of a separate policy for the town of Pamplin, as well.

Smokeout here

By FRANCES H. PAULETTE

Thursday, Nov. 20 is it! The American Cancer Society sponsored Great American Smokeout.

Dr. S. R. Lawson, Chairman of the Appomattox County Board of Supervisors has signed a proclamation declaring the day of Nov. 20 the day when smokers, young and old are encouraged to participate in this event by giving up cigarette for at least the designated 24 hour period.

The proclamation points out that the health benefits of no smoking are substantiated and well known and there are additional benefits such as a reduction of the risks of accidental fire.

Many Appomattox smokers have indicated a willingness to participate in this event. Harry E. Ranson of Moses Motor Co., Appomattox; Harrison West of the Appomattox County School System and E. W. Paulette, Jr. of the Flowers Corporation, Lynchburg, have made public their intention to give up the habit for this one day, and maybe, hopefully, longer. The message these smokers had for the public was the same, "if we can do it, anybody can!"

Since this is awareness week for the American Cancer Society, other activities are planned to help Appomattox County become more aware of the dangers of smoking in relation to cancer. Cigarette smoking is estimated to be related to about one-fourth of all cancer deaths, according to information released by the American Cancer Society.

On Saturday morning, Nov. 22 from 9:00 a.m. until 12 noon, at Triangle Plaza Shopping Center, lower level, in the office formerly occupied by Falling River Realty, a skin cancer clinic will be conducted. In addition to the clinic, movies concerning cancer detection will be shown regularly. The longest film takes only about 30 minutes to view. Plan to take a shopping break and view these films and visit the Detection Clinic.

On Saturday, in front of Stephen's Fashions, Triangle Plaza Shopping Center, an information booth will be open from 9:00 a.m. until 5:00 p.m. There will be brochures and pamphlets concerning smoking and related diseases and material on the warning signs of cancer.

There will be cookbooks for sale by the local unit of the American Cancer Society and lollipops for the children.

Fundraiser continues

Donations are still beig taken for "Volunteer Firemen's Month," November, according to James Ford Jr., campaign coordinator.

Ford, and John Hall have been authorized to collect Christmas donations for the Appomattox County volunteer firemen.

The volunteer firemen spend long hours in community service with no monetary compensation. Donations will be used as cash gifts.

"We will gladly pick up any donations area citizens may wish to make," Ford said this week. He added that contributors may contact either him or Hall, or may mail contributions to John Hall at P. O. Box 245, Appomattox, Va., 24522.

The contribution campaign will run through the month of November, according to Ford.

Lions meet tonight

The Appomattox Lions Club will meet on Thursday evening, Nov. 20 at the John Mosby Inn Restaurant.

Mr. Ray R. Sheppard, of Richmond, will present a program on the Temporal Bone Bank.

This is a new project on hearing that the Lions of Virginia have underatken, and all members are urged to make plans to attend this meeting.

County taxes due Dec. 5

The deadline for paying taxes is Dec. 5, 1980. A ten percent penalty and 10% interest will be added Dec. 6.

1981 dog tags are also on sale and must be purchased by Jan. 31, 1981.

The treasurer's office will be open Sat., Nov. 22 and Sat., Nov. 29 from 9 a.m. to 12 noon.

DOUG RINKER (RIGHT), National President of the Future Farmers of America, presents the American Farmer Degree to Nathan S. Smith of Spout Spring. The American Farmer Degree is the highest degree of membership in the FFA. It was presented to 781 FFA members during their 53rd National Convention held in Kansas City, Missouri, November 12-14.

Early deadline set

The Times-Virginian will be printed a day early next week, so that mail subscribers to the paper will receive their copies before the Thanksgiving holiday next Thursday.

Final deadline for all news copy, display advertising and classified advertising copy will be 10 a.m. Monday. Those with news or advertising are encouraged to get their copy in as soon as possible, on Friday if possible.

The newspaper office will be closed Thursday for the Thanksgiving Holiday.

Father Darkleaf

By CALVIN ROBINSON

Of the making of lists there is no end. Doubtless Noah had a list of animals and checked them off as they entered the Ark. Moses passed on a list of Commandments. Ever since there have been lists of things to do, things not to do. Shopping lists. Lists of bills payable, accounts receivable. Lists of birthdays to remember. And now it is time to get ready with your Christmas lists. How many greeting cards will you need? How about addresses? And your gift list. It's time to get started. Thanksgiving to Christmas is a fast-moving period.

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Monday was the big day for hunters. It was examination day for hunters and dogs and new equipment. A good season is predicted.

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So far as I know, Dr. Ruskin S. Freer is the senior columnist in Virginia. His column, The Rambler, appears in the Lynchburg NEWS Sunday paper and is in its 55th year. He has announced that Nov. 23 will be his last. He writes of the outdoors, birds, hiking trails, etc. and has a devoted audience. A salute to Dr. Freer. I may take over his seniority position. I began with a weekly column during college days in 1925 and again in 1926. On April 21, 1928 began a weekly column for The Eastern Shore NEWS. The present column began in the Fall of 1931. Have not checked the exact total, but there have been over 2,700 columns over about 53 years. Tain't easy.

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One of the most interesting spots in Virginia is Tangier Island. Many of you have visited this gem of the Chesapeake. A feature article about the Tangier School appeared recently and I would consider an assignment to that school a prized opportunity.

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College football is at its peak with traditional rivalries on tap. Notre Dame - Alabama last week-end was a great match-up. And here in Virginia, the 16-15 Randolph-Macon, Hampden-Sydney meeting was a thriller. The Hokies of VPI will participate in the Bluebonnet Bowl and a long list of bowl games will keep the sport in the headlines until New Year's dawning. Nominations for who takes the most physical punishment in sports: the catcher in baseball, center in football and goalie in soccer. Or maybe the referee or ump. Or anybody in ice hockey.

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Bicycles will be near the top on the Christmas list this year. Dolls, puzzles, mechanical toys; even cars. One toy from my childhood I still have. A red, white and blue spinning top. And it works, even whistles.

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Memory corner. Main and Church Street, Appomattox. Memories of Atwood, James, Spencer. Now there is a sweet new sign over the Times-Virginian Printing Corp. Same business, just a new sign.

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Appomattox is fortunate to have an excellent County Library and school libraries. I am reading a book about the history of libraries. Says one Asinius Pollio, a friend of Caesar, is credited with founding the first public library, in Rome. He died in the year 6 B.C. And amazing how many books they had.

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Thanks for reading and seeya around.

School board goals met

In addition to setting and working toward annual goals in an effort to continually improve the quality of education in the county, the Appomattox County School System participates in a six-year division plan which each shcool division is required to develop as part of standards of quality.

Lloyd Walton, Appomattox County School Superintendent reports the following progress toward achievements of the 1979-80 division objectives.

Ninety-seven percent of the students in grades one through six demonstrated mastery of basic learning skills.

The gifted and talented students in the county were identified and special activities were provided for these students to meet their unique needs.

Students between the ages of two and 21 in need of special education services were enrolled in programs designed to meet the particular need or needs of individuals.

By the end of the 1979-80 school session 85 percent of the graduating class of 1981 has passed minimum competency tests. During the 1979-80 school session alternatives were offered for a limited number of students who could not function in the traditional school program. These alternatives included after school classes, work-study assignments, etc.

Ninety-eight percent of the graduating class of 1980 had a job skill and/or adequate preparation for post secondary education. A program for E.D. students was initiated on the elementary level.

A program was initiated for children between the ages of two and four identified as developmentally delayed.

In accomplishing other objectives, the Appomattox Middle School became accredited by the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools. The Appomattox County High School received a visting committee as part of the process to become accredited by the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools.

Physical therapy was provided for students in need of this service.

A consortium was formed with Campbell County in cooperation with the Virginia Commission for the Visually Handicapped to serve the visually impaired in the two school divisions. Each school made an assessment of student conduct and attendance and began development of standards for conduct and attendance.

A comprehensive program of adult education was offered as another objective reached for 1979-80.

The school system completed the third and final year of a project, Model Program for Career Guidance. Many of the aspects of this program which were determined to be effective were included in the plans of the guidance departments for 1980-81.

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